

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of considering said bill; and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, when Mr. Thomas, the Chairman, reported, that the committee, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and having come to no resolution thereon, he was directed to report the bill to the House, without amendment, and to ask that the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Committee of the Whole House was accordingly discharged.

The hour prescribed by a rule of the House for passing to the consideration of the orders of the day, having arrived;

Mr. Teackle moved that the said orders of the day be postponed, for the purpose of progressing in the consideration of the said bill.

And the question thereon being taken, was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Steele then moved that the rule of the House which requires the bill to be read a second time, be suspended, and that the reading of its title be regarded as a second reading.

And the question thereon being put, was determined in the negative.

In the progress of the second reading of the bill,

Mr. Hawkins then moved, that the further consideration of said bill, be postponed indefinitely.

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Claude, the bill was amended in its first section, by striking out "city," in the 7th and 10th lines of that section, printed bill, and inserting, in lieu thereof, "the cities;" and also by inserting after "Baltimore;" in said lines, the words "and Annapolis."

Mr. Nicholas moved further to amend the first section by striking out the words, "one senator from each of the several counties of this State, and one from the city of Baltimore," in the 14th and 15th lines of that section, and inserting, in lieu thereof, these words: "two senators from each of the single, and four senators from each of the double congressional districts of this state."

Mr. Orrell called for a division of the question, on that motion; it was accordingly taken on striking out, and determined in the negative.

Mr. Jenifer moved to strike out the fifth section of said bill, which is contained in these words